

II. **Rejection of Claims 10, 11 and 13 to 17 Under the Judicially
Created Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

The Office Action rejects claims 10, 11 and 13 to 17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting to claims 1 to 13 of U.S. Patent 6,544,361.

Applicants herewith provide a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 3.73(b). As a result of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 10, 11 and 13 to 17 has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to claims 10, 11 and 13 to 17.

III. **Objection to Claim 12**

The Office Action objects to claim 12 in that it is dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 depends from claim 10, now considered to be allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to claim 12.

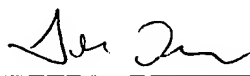
III. **Conclusion**

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, and an early and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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